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RUMOR THAT JAPANESE BLEW UP THEIR BATTLESHIP MIKASA

Said to Be On Account of Peace Terms
Baron Komura Very Ill--Cannot Start Home Now

Scripps News Association.
London, Sept. 13.—The feeling is growing here among the Japanese members of the diplomatic corps and the citizens here that the battle ship Mikasa was destroyed by fanatical descendants of the ancient Samurai, whose leading doctrine was suicide rather than dishonor. It is generally the feeling among the lower classes at least that the Japanese peace terms are most dishonorable and that the crew was willing to see the grand ship sink rather than remain inactive because the conclusion of peace which reflected no credit on her magnificent victories. In substantiation of this theory it is pointed out that there was very little combustible aboard the battle ship, yet the flames were breaking out in several places and spread so rapidly that they could not be extinguished. It is also pointed out that the magazines are so arranged that they could have been flooded yet the explosion took place an hour after the fire was first discovered and it is thought likely that the fanatic had accomplished.

CANNOT DETERMINE
Washington, Sept. 13.—The American naval attaché at Tokio officially reports the destruction of the Mikasa. He says that the cause of the fire cannot be determined until it is raised.

KOMURA VERY ILL
New York, Sept. 13.—Baron Komura

is very ill at the Waldorf Astor. Dr. Francis Delafield was called from his vacation in Virginia to attend him. He says that he is in the first stages of typhoid. Komura is of frail physique and the ravages of the disease are feared. His return to Japan is necessarily postponed but the majority of the suite will go as planned. Until Dr. Delafield saw the patient today the Baron insisted upon going home. Dr. Flint and two nurses had been engaged and a private car was being prepared to cross the continent. Delafield vetoed the arrangements and said that Komura must not leave his apartments. Delafield is expected to make definite announcements this evening, whether or not it is typhoid. Sato says the chief's temperature varied last night from 99 to 102 and declares that he himself will catch the next steamer. Dr. Pritchard, who first attended the Baron says that he holds the opinion that it is inflammation of the gall bladder and declares there is no danger. It is said that the Baron grieved over the reports of the feeling against him in Japan and fell easy victim to disease. It is known here that he only arranged peace terms at the direction of the Mikado.

Oyster Bay, Sept. 13.—The President received the following from the Russian peace envoy Witte just prior to his departure from the United States, "On behalf of my fellow work-

ers I offer my heartfelt thanks to you to the government and to the whole nation for their cordial welcome upon my arrival and the uniform courtesy during my sojourn, the memory of which will live in our hearts forever."

Four Witnesses
By Scripps News Association)
Portland, Sept. 13.—Four witnesses were examined in the Williamson land fraud case. The testimony is practically the same as in the previous trial.

Faked an Interview
Scripps News Association.
Oyster Bay, Sept. 13.—The President in a letter repudiates the alleged interview cabled the Petit Parisien and recalled to New York and published this morning. Charles Richards and the correspondent of the Legation, who sent the alleged interview, secured an audience with the president. They talked personal matters and the visitors said they merely wished to pay their respects as they passed through the country from war. The letter to Richards is a scathing denunciation of his methods and declares the matter printed purely a fabrication. The president said he considered the action of Richards thoroughly dishonorable.

STILL ON THE CARPET
By Scripps News Association
New York, N. Y., September 13.—Frederick Cromwell, treasurer of the Mutual Life, said in view of the immense assets, the amount of capital handled it was necessary that the insurance companies handle such syndicates as had been revealed by the inquiry and said that the assets of the mutual ran over a hundred million annually. To handle and invest such enormous sums it requires some agency through which the investments could be made and that it was absolutely impossible to buy securities in such great amounts through brokers and said that they invested in mortgages for safety. This left three hundred and fifty millions to be invested somewhere else. The syndicates offered only the channels for the said hundred million invested in mortgages. Hughes led the witness through a mass of transactions and pinned him down to the point where they learned that the Mutual was a heavy loser in the National Navigation syndicate.

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FOR THEATRICAL CIRCUIT

Scripps News Association
Cleveland, O., Sept. 13.—John W. Conditine of Seattle, and the theatrical managers of this city today arranged for a circuit of 50 or 60 theatres of the country in an exclusively vaudeville circuit. Two and one half millions of dollars are invested.

Blown To Bits
Scripps News Association
Clarksburg, Va. Sept. 13.—David Mackay, his wife, and horse and wagon were blown up in an explosion of forty quarts of nitroglycerine was hauling. Nothing but the axle of the wagon was found.

More Fever
By Scripps News Association
Jackson, Miss Sept. 13.—Four cases of yellow fever were reported today. The town of Hamburg is quarantined.

In Louisiana
(By Scripps News Association)
New Orleans, Sept. 13.—At noon there were 14 new cases and two deaths reported.

Shut Down Mill
Scripps News Association.
Provo Utah, Sept. 13.—The directors of the woolen mill announce that the mill will be shut down indefinitely on account of the high price of wool. The institution is one of the oldest industries in the state.

More Cholera Cases
Scripps News Association
Berlin, Sept. 13.—Fifteen new cases of cholera and four deaths were reported today.

Chicago Market.
Scripps News Association
Chicago, Sept. 13.—The market closed today as follows: Wheat, 82; corn 52; oats, 26.

Voted. Bonds
A special election was held at Eugene Monday on the question of authorizing the city council to issue bonds for the purpose of providing a municipal system of water and light works. The ballots were arranged for voting on light bonds and water bonds separately, and the vote was as follows:
Light bonds—504 for, 163 against.
Water bonds—501 for, 162 against.
There has been much argument on the question for some time past, and the question has aroused a good deal of interest, but the vote cast was not much more than half of a full vote. All the preliminaries have not been acted upon and the measure is in the hands of the city council. The council has the authority to float bonds and build and operate light and water works for the city.

At the Court House
Suit was filed today by Mrs. Mary F. Carroll, administratrix of the estate of J. M. Carroll, deceased, against James Hutchinson, administrator of the estate of William Hutchinson, to recover the sum of \$1000 and interest for legal services rendered the latter estate by J. M. Carroll during his life time.

A default and decree was filed in the matter of J. D. Suter plaintiff versus J. F. Baker in a suit to recover \$120 and costs for rent of a piece of land for pasturage.

A suit was filed by Patterson & Eppinger of Baker City against Joseph McCrary to recover \$161.62 and costs for goods sold the defendant at Baker City.

A suit to recover money was filed today by the Wright Merc. Co. of Union against O. Lamb of that place.

W. B. Sargent, today as attorney for the plaintiff, filed a suit for divorce against Frank Zeener for Estella M. Davis Zeener.

J. D. McKennon today filed suit to recover money for merchandise sold to the Ormond Lumber company of Imbler.

MEETS AWFUL DEATH

Helix, Sept. 13.—G. P. Barne was dragged to death this morning while driving from Adams to Helix. Mr. Payne drove over to Adams last night to visit his brother, who is in the grocery store at that place. This morning he started back to Helix. He took some wire along, intending to repair the barb wire telephone line on his way back to Helix. He was seen to stop once and make some repairs where the wire had become detached from the fence. About a mile and a half from what is known as the horse shoe bend, not far from Berger's place, one of the Gerking boys who was hauling grain, saw a team walking along the road with what seemed to be a large object hanging against one wheel and dragging along the road. When he came up he was horrified to find that it was the body of a man. Almost every bone was broken and his head fearfully mutilated. It is supposed that he got out of the buggy to repair the phone line, when the team became frightened, and started to run. He had on a heavy ulster which caught in the hub and as the wheel revolved around tightly drawing his body up close to the wheel with his head hanging down upon the ground. He is a relative of D. I. Richardson, in whose general merchandise store he worked for a year or more. His parents reside in Canada. He was very popular in Helix and his death is sincerely regretted.

Crank Visits Teddy
By Scripps News Association.
Oyster Bay, Sept. 13.—Isaac Schamas, who says he is an agent for a coal firm was arrested this morning while trying to see the President. Schamas says he is trying to see the President and have him arrange a universal price for coal the world over. He contends that the President maintains an unholy alliance with the coal dealers and aids them to keep the price of coal up to the highest possible point. Schamas is being held by the authorities subject to an investigation regarding his sanity.

Freight Handlers Want to Strike
Scripps News Association
Chicago Ill Sept. 13.—The railroads are said to be employing non-union men to take the places of the freight handlers in event of a strike being declared. It is believed that both sides are endeavoring today to prevent a strike, as the freight handlers appointed a committee this afternoon to confer with the managers.

All Broke Up
Scripps News Association
Wooler, Sept. 13.—Attorney Sterling closed his argument in behalf of his client Capt. Taggart this morning and asked that the two boys be given over to the Captain to be cared for by his parents and that Mrs. Taggart would be permitted to visit them. Mrs. Taggart for the first time broke down and had to be assisted from the room. Many spectators including Taggart himself were in tears while the eloquent attorney was pleading.

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